

ELA: Pre AP English II

UNIT/Weeks (not consecutive)	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
1	<p><u>Author's Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose • Perspective • Tone • Organization • Format • Research Writing-integrating text evidence (direct quotes, paraphrasing, summarizing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do writers write?
2	<p><u>Argument and Persuasion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of an Argument • Persuasive Techniques • Rhetorical Devices • Analyzing Argument • Writing Argument • Research Writing-Thesis statement (open thesis, closed thesis, counterclaim thesis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we influence others? • How do you sell an idea? • How do you promote a cause?
3	<p><u>Arthur's Style: Informational Text</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Style • Informal Style • Journalistic Style • Diction • Sentence Structure • Tone • Putting it all together: Research Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is style? • How does an author's style affect the meaning?
4	<p><u>Characterization and Point of View</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrator • First-Person Point of View • Third-Person Point of View • Character Traits • Character Motivation • Writing Literary Criticism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a character memorable? • How is our impression of a character formed and changed? • How do you tell a tale?
5	<p><u>Plot, Setting, Mood, and Imagery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plot and Story Analysis • Setting • Mood • Imagery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which stories are worth reading?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Writing 	
6	<p><u>Theme, Symbol, Figurative Language and Style</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme • Symbol • Determining varieties of figurative language • Analysis of style • Writing literary analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are life's big lessons? • Where do you find poetry? • What is style?
7	<p><u>Shakespearean Drama and Epic Poetry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespearean Tragedy • Shakespeare's Language • Reading Shakespeare • Characteristics of the Greek Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can your conscience mislead you? • What quests live on?